

NEW LEADERS IN TOURNAMENT DOUBLES

Bergman and John Wich of Rock Island Contingent Roll Into First Place With 1151 Count.

CUBS FOURTH IN TEAM EVENT

Bergman Also Goes Into Third Place in Singles With 607—Pete Petersen Shoots 603.

TRI-STATE STANDING.

Teams.	
Edelweiss, Rock Island	2891
St. Gibbons, Moline	2653
C. C. Taft, Des Moines	2650
Cubs, Rock Island	2637
Lincoln Stars, Cedar Rapids	2615
Doubles.	
Bergman-John Wich, Rock Island	1181
Martin-Hammel, Des Moines	1174
Fredeen-Salzmann, Rock Island	1114
Johnson-Harney, Rock Island	1089
Wagle-Locker, Des Moines	1089
Haley-Rader, Des Moines	1089
Hopkins-Blood, Grinnell	1082
Singles.	
Burns Harney, Rock Island	657
W. A. Strayer, Rock Island	640
"Dad" Hopkins, Grinnell	640
John Bergman, Rock Island	607
Pete Petersen, Davenport	603
E. Disalov, Des Moines	600
A. Montillon, Cedar Rapids	590

Not content with copping fourth place in the city bowling meet in Davenport, John H. Wich and John Bergman stepped onto the Island City alleys last night and rolled into first place in the doubles in the tri-state bowling tournament. The two Johns displayed great teamwork, Wich leading off with 171, 196 and 200, while Bergman followed with 194, 210 and 210.

Bergman then turned around and shot into third place in the singles with a 607 count, rolling 193, 190 and 224. Pete Petersen of Davenport rolled into fourth with 603 after a poor start. The Cub team of the tri-city league rolled into fourth place in the team event with a 2637 total. The Cubs got a poor start but wound up in whirlwind fashion with a 967 count. John Bergman distinguished himself again by leading his teammates. Surely it was a big night for John. The Cub remnants upheld their name by shooting only 2307 in the team event. Roy Salzmann ran first for the remnants.

Carnes threatened the leaders in the singles, starting with 211 and 192, but dropped to 171 in his final game, totaling 574. Graham and Herman Wich rolled 1060 in the doubles.

Tonight a picked team representing the local Aerie of Eagles will roll in the team event and other single and double events will be rolled off. Tomorrow night the Blackhawks and Martins of Davenport will roll. The scores:

TEAMS.			
Cubs.			
J. H. Wich	159	158	170
Stephen	179	180	195
Bergman	134	223	193
Carnes	201	170	184
Renand	150	136	225
Total	823	847	967
Cub Remnants.			
Pletcher	167	113	175
Clemann	158	136	128
R. Salzmann	180	187	145
Benson	134	185	155
Davenport	138	147	159
Total	777	768	762
Total	2,637		
Doubles.			
Bergman	194	210	210
J. H. Wich	171	196	200-1181
Graham	165	180	193
Herman Wich	171	179	172-1060
Warner	145	147	204
Henry Wich	185	202	163-1042
Carnes	146	145	173
Pletcher	144	159	144-941
Clemann	139	172	170
McGinnis	172	113	158-924
Singles.			
Bergman	193	190	224-607
Pete Petersen	156	241	206-603
Faber	183	230	170-583
Carnes	211	192	171-574
Stafford	179	197	195-568
Mason	196	161	204-561
Con Holm	178	167	193-538
J. H. Wich	171	179	164-514
Renand	175	137	195-507
Warner	145	161	172-498
Stephen	162	191	145-498
Stark	141	153	190-484
Pletcher	148	162	169-479
Paulsen	153	176	146-475

WILL BAR HOLDOUTS AT TRAINING CAMPS

New York, Feb. 24.—Owners of baseball clubs in both National and American leagues are said to have agreed that no player who has been offered a contract and refuses to sign it shall be permitted in the training camps of any of the clubs. Almost every club in the two leagues has a few players who have not signed for the coming season.

Among the players understood to be affected by this new rule are Tris Speaker, who is claimed by the Boston Americans; Benny Kauff, who is holding out from signing a contract with the New York Nationals and Eddie Plank, of the St. Louis Americans.

Wells to Meet Griffith.

Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 24.—Matt Wells, English lightweight champion, will meet Johnny Griffith of Akron, Ohio, in a 12-round bout here Feb. 29, according to an announcement today. Leach Cross of New York was to have been Griffith's opponent, but after his fight with Milburn Saylor at Cincinnati last week, his engagement was cancelled.

ICE SKATES FURNISH A GOOD EXCUSE FOR MAKING A NEW ACQUAINTANCE—By Goldberg



FIRST PICK OUT THE PARTY YOU'D LIKE TO GET ACQUAINTED WITH—

THEN START TO EXECUTE A FEW NATURAL FALLS;—

REGULATING YOUR "ACCIDENTAL" TUMBLES—

SO THAT, WHEN THE PARTY COMES INNOCENTLY SKATING IN YOUR DIRECTION,—

YOU WILL BE IN SUCH A POSITION—

THAT SHE WILL BE UNABLE TO AVOID— SAILING RIGHT SQUARE INTO YOUR ARMS.

NOW THAT YOU ARE THIS FAR, IT IS UP TO YOU TO HANDLE THE SITUATION LIKE A DIPLOMAT AND FINISH THE LAST PICTURE.

CATTON SETS NEW BILLIARD RECORD

Rock Island Boy Makes Run of 2,634 at Straight Rail in Chicago Before Missing.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Mark Catton last night broke the world's record at straight rail billiards at a local billiard hall, it was announced today. Catton ran 2,634 before missing a shot, leading the former record of 2,572 made by Harvey McKenna in Boston in 1887. The new mark was made on a 5 by 10 table and will stand as official, according to the room keeper. Catton began the run Friday night, when he reached 1,000. On Sunday he ran another thousand and last night made 634 before missing.

Mark Catton is the son of the late William Catton, three cushion champion of the world. He is well known in this city and has appeared in numerous matches here. His host of local friends will be glad to learn of his excellent showing in Chicago.

CINCY COMMISSION CENTER OF DISPUTE

Cincinnati, Feb. 24.—A change in the personnel of the Cincinnati boxing commission is expected to be made in the near future, as the result of trouble that has cropped out between the members of that body and local promoters.

The climax was reached yesterday when it was necessary to use threats to clear the meeting room of a large number of fight promoters, following a heated argument over the confirmation of the permit of the Broadway Athletic club to stage a ten-round bout between Milburn Saylor and Charlie White on March 20.

Originally the club intended to put on Frankie Callahan and White. Another club sought to seize the date, claiming the Broadway club had forfeited its claim.

DUCATS FOR FIGHT GO LIKE HOT CAKES

New York, Feb. 24.—Nearly \$30,000 worth of seats have been reserved for the Willard-Moran fight, it was said at the Madison Square garden box office yesterday. The seat sale has averaged more than \$9,000 daily.

"I no longer fear a deficit," said Tex Rickard, promoter of the big bout. Rickard believes the expenses of the fight will approximate \$100,000 and that the receipts will reach \$125,000.

Thus far only \$25, \$15 and \$10 tickets are on sale. The \$20 tickets have not been delivered by the printer and the \$5 and \$3 seats will not be put on sale until a few days before the fight. The lump of cheaper seats will eliminate ticket speculation to a large extent.

The figures given out by the box office show that the seat sale has been proportionally much larger than the sale of tickets for the Jeffries-Johnson bout.

New York, Feb. 24.—Broadway and vicinity peaked up yesterday on the receipt of news that Jess Willard is to leave Chicago Thursday night to keep his little date with Frank Moran at Mister Madison Square's garden. Willard's chibblains and croup are almost cured, according to Tom Jones, the giant's manager.

Fear that Willard would not be able to show up for the 10-round fight March 25 was worrying the fans.

New Plunge Record.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Ray Olmstead of the Evanston township high school set a new national scholastic record in the plunge for distance in the meet with New Trier high school last night. He went the length of the 60-foot tank in the Evanston Y. M. C. A. in 0:23 2-5, which is two and two-fifths seconds faster than the record which was held by Schaefer of New Trier, Evanston last time, 29 to 20.

GOTCH TO WRESTLE STECHER IN OMAHA?

Des Moines, Feb. 24.—Gene Melady, Omaha sportsman, is authority for the statement that he has options on both Gotch and Stecher for a match, provided Gotch is sure he can come back, and that the bout is likely to be staged in Omaha on Labor day. So confident is Melady that he will secure the match that he has an option on the fair grounds in Omaha for Labor day and expects to erect an arena which will hold a \$150,000 crowd.

It all depends on how Gotch feels after being in training a few weeks, for he realizes that Iowa men will bet a fortune on him if he enters the ring and he wants to be sure he is himself again.

LOCAL PIN STARS GATHER IN PRIZES

Carry Away Approximately \$72 in Davenport City Bowling Tourney, Just Concluded.

Rock Island bowlers carried away approximately \$72 in prize money in the first annual city bowling tournament in Davenport, which ended Tuesday night. The Island City No. 1 took second prize in the team event, receiving \$40, and Burns Harney landed fourth in the singles, his prize being \$12.50, and Art Salzmann finished 11th in the singles and received \$5 for his

work. J. H. Wich and John Bergman finished fourth in the doubles, receiving \$5.

The C. C. Taft team of Des Moines took first place in the team event with a 2,688 count, the prize being \$50. The Martins of Davenport finished third and the Lincoln Stars of Cedar Rapids fourth. Morrison and Hammel of Des Moines carried away first place in the doubles, receiving a prize of \$25. Hill and Montillon of Cedar Rapids finishing second in this event with Morfeister and Martin, Des Moines, third.

The tournament was conducted at the Blackhawk alleys and the event proved so successful that it will be made an annual affair.

Paralysis of the Belgian and German glass industries has resulted in greatly increasing business done by the glass factories in Japan.

WHO'S THE GREATEST ALL ROUND ATHLETE? ANSWER: JIM THORPE



Left to right: Charles Bender, Jim Thorpe and Elmer Oliphant.

Who is the greatest all round athlete? This commonwealth has ever produced? The subject is one of abiding interest, for there have been many who followed varied sporting activities and who in these various lines reached high places.

There is, for an often used example, Christy Mathewson. Mathewson is one of the three greatest pitchers that ever lived. By many he is listed as the greatest. His place in baseball is at the top. At Bucknell he was a first class fullback; so at football, another major sport, his rank is well up.

He isn't a star golfer, but he is a good one. He is a good trap shooter, and if that might be classed as a sport, a chess player of unusual ability. So here is Mathewson's field—baseball, football, golf, trap shooting, chess and checkers.

Charles Albert Bender, the Chippewa chief, holds a place, but not as high as Mathewson. Bender excels at baseball, golf and trap shooting. His average here is high, but his range isn't as wide.

Ty Cobb doesn't hold a high place in all around play. The world's greatest ball player gives most of his time and energy to the one game that has fired his name around the universe.

Tom Shevlin was an all around star, but neither Shevlin nor Brickley holds as high a rank as Elmer Oliphant, the West Point wonder, who is a star entry at football, baseball, basketball and track. Oliphant is the best all around athlete now in college. He hasn't an equal for wide-spread efficiency.

Undoubtedly one of the greatest was the late Neil Snow of Michigan. Snow stood as one of the great football players of the game. He was an all-American end and a great plunging fullback. As a ball player he batted over .390 for Michigan his last two years and received at least three good offers from big league clubs. He was one of the best college first basemen that ever lived.

On the track Snow could high jump around six feet; he could put the shot 45 feet; he was a fine hurdler. Taking both quality and quantity, we should

say that Snow was the equal at least of any man that has been mentioned.

But if the crown is to be awarded the man entitled to the best claim is Jim Thorpe, the renowned Indian who upset the social status of Sweden and reared under the A. A. U.

Thorpe must be listed as one of the greatest football players of the game. More than one will give him first place, even above the magic of Mahan or the power of Ted Coy. He could kick, run, pass, block, tackle, duck, dodge, and smash. In baseball he was good enough to reach the big league. In track work he was good enough to win the all around championship of the planet upon which we are making a brief and stormy abode. He was a fine runner and a great jumper. He could peg the javelin and toss the discus. Wherever placed he was a star.

Thorpe's athletic average was undoubtedly the highest of the lot. He could not do quite as many things as Mathewson, but his range was nearly as broad, and in the major fields of sportive endeavor he held a trifle higher place.

Isbell Signs Indian Pitcher. Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 24.—Manager Isbell of the Des Moines Western league baseball club signed Nick Morris, a full blooded Indian, to his pitching staff yesterday. He also received a signed contract for the 1916 season from Joe Bills, who will report for his old position in the outfield.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

FREBERG IS EASY FOR JOE STECHER

Farmer Boy Wins First Fall in 4:25 and Second in 6:45, at the Coliseum in Chicago.

DEADLY BODY SCISSORS USED

Eight Thousand Mat Fans Attend Opening of the Sport-Jess Willard Present.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Stecher won the first fall in 4 minutes 35 seconds with a body scissors.

Stecher took the second fall and match with a body scissors and wrist lock in 6:45.

Between 7,000 and 8,000 people piled into the Coliseum last night to see Joe Stecher and John Freberg revive the wrestling game in Chicago. At 8:30 p. m., when Paul Martinson and the Swedish champion, Olson, were on the mat in a special bout for one fall, the crowd was still pouring through the gates and an extra crew of ushers was recruited to place more chairs in the hall.

Martinson won with a combination half and wrist lock in 12 minutes and 30 seconds.

All the sporting celebrities turned out, but Jack Herman and Martin Delaney had an ace in the hole against the boys who usually drift in on a pass. Strangers were on the gate, and some of our best ducat chasers were unable to call the guardians of the door by their first names. It was strictly a cash house and looked like a killing for the management.

The bugs came from as far as Milwaukee, which in these lean days is pretty far. Frank Mulken, the Cream City impresario, headed a delegation of enthusiasts from the north. Al Wolgast, who is to clash with Freddie Welsh before Mulken's club March 4, occupied a front seat. Apparently Wolgast is going in for everything these days.

By 9 o'clock practically every seat in the immense balcony was taken and the fans still were struggling in.

Henry Willard, Chicago, was forced to concede the first fall to Johnny Billiter, Toledo, after 37 minutes and 10 seconds of classy work in the first preliminary. A toe hold did the work and was successfully repeated for the second fall in 20:25. Ben Reuben of Chicago, the Hebrew champion, and Johnny Meyers of Sheboygan, Wis., appeared in the second prelim. Reuben took the first fall in 26:25 with a hammer lock. This bout was a hummer. Reuben's good work bringing the fans to their feet.

Willard Sees Bout.

Stecher and Freberg crawled through the ropes at 10:30. Jess Willard was introduced. He looked the picture of health. Charlie White also received a great hand.

There was nothing to it. Stecher grabbed Freberg around the waist, tossed him to the ropes, crawled on top of him, fastened the famous scissors around the body, grabbed a wrist lock on the right hand and pinned Freberg's shoulders to the mat for the first fall. Time, 4 minutes and 35 seconds.

SCHEDULE READY GALESBURG MEET

Rock Island to Tackle Geneseo in First Tilt Tomorrow Afternoon in Basketball Tourney.

Galesburg, Ill., Feb. 24.—Following is the basketball schedule for the northwestern district tournament, which starts here this evening and continues until Saturday night:

Thursday night—Galesburg vs. Moline; Avon vs. Abingdon; Sheffield vs. Kewanee.

Friday morning—Aledo vs. Altona; La Harpe vs. New Boston; Macomb vs. Anawan.

Friday afternoon—Rock Island vs. Geneseo; Colusa vs. Winner No. 2; Winner No. 2 vs. Winner No. 3.

Friday night—Winner of No. 4 vs. Winner of No. 5; Knoxville vs. Gilson; Bushnell vs. Plymouth.

Saturday morning—Monmouth vs. Dallas City; Winner No. 6 vs. Winner No. 7; Winner No. 8 vs. Winner No. 9.

Saturday afternoon—Winner No. 10 vs. Winner No. 11; Winner No. 12 vs. Winner No. 3; Winner No. 14 vs. Winner No. 14.

Saturday night—Winner No. 16 vs. Winner No. 17; Winner No. 18 vs. Winner No. 19.

JACK KAVANAUGH TO MEET RACER TONIGHT

Jack Kavanaugh of Rock Island will take on Jack Racer of Davenport in a 10-round bout tonight in Iowa City. The boys will weigh in at 140 pounds and the match was arranged by E. W. Schiebert of this city, manager of Kavanaugh, who is coming to the front fast as a welterweight. Kavanaugh is a sparring partner of Peanuts Schiebert. Jack Racer was recently defeated at Iowa City by Earl Henderson of Rock Island, but the Davenport boy claimed a four, which the referee refused to allow. Local fight fans will await the final result of the bout with interest.

Open Joliet Meet Tonight.

Joliet, Ill., Feb. 24.—Joliet looms up stronger than any other basketball squad in the Illinois northeastern basketball tournament which will open here tonight. Norris will meet Lockport in the opening clash. Kankakee will follow against Chicago Heights. Mason will battle New Trier, and Joliet will meet Streator.